

Phase II and Phase III Project Cover Sheet

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REPORT INFORMATION:

1973 Clark, Wayne E.

Archeological Survey of the Northwest Transportation Corridor, Baltimore County, Maryland.

Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration

Library ID No: 00005410 Catalog/Shelving ID: BA 9A

Research Firm/Institution:

Division of Archeology, Maryland Geological Survey

2300 St. Paul Street

Baltimore, MD 21218

Sites examined:

18BA100

Project Details:

Phase I ☒

Phase II ☒

Phase III

Project Justification:

This is a preliminary report on the 1973 season of survey reconnaissance for the Northwest Transportation Corridor. The purpose of the Phase I/II survey was to locate, record, and evaluate all historic and prehistoric sites within the accessible portions of the direct impact zone.

MAC Accession: 1974.005

Project Objectives:

-Identify all prehistoric and historic sites located within the Northwest Expressway right-of-way

-Evaluate those sites for integrity and research potential

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18BA100.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1975 McGrain, John W.

Industrial Archaeological Survey of the Northwest Transportation Corridor, Baltimore County, Maryland.

Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration

Library ID No: 00005427 Catalog/Shelving ID: BA 24

Research Firm/Institution:

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Sites examined:

18BA100

Project Details:

Project Justification:

This report contains a study of early roads, rail lines, primitive industries and former places of public accommodation located along the proposed Northwest Expressway and Phase I Rapid Transit in Baltimore County. The study was performed to determine what effects construction would have on industrial archeology sites and structures in the Reisterstown Road-Gwynn Falls region known as the Northwest Transportation Corridor. It details which proposed alignments would adversely affect cultural resources. A portion of the historic background portion of the 18BA100 synopsis was taken from this report.

Research Potential:

See below for remaining research questions at 18BA100.

REPORT INFORMATION:

1983 Hurry, Silas and Maureen Kavanagh

Intensive Archeological Investigations at the Howard-McHenry Site, A Nineteenth Century Mill/Tenancy.

Submitted to the Maryland State Highway Administration

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Sites examined:

18BA100

Project Details:

Phase I

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Phase III

Project Justification:

At the end of the Phase I survey in the 1973, the investigator concluded that the archeological value of Site 18BA100 was negligible. Several years later, in December of 1980, personnel from the Maryland Office of Planning and Zoning visited the site. It was noted that a refuse/modern trash dump area overlooking I-695 was located on the site. The garbage (and the site) was in the proposed location of a highway exit ramp. The surveyors suggested that because initial archival work indicated the potential for a property to be located on the site, additional archival research needed to be conducted in order to identify the site and to determine its significance. In 1981, the Maryland State Highway Administration requested that the Maryland Geological Survey, Division of Archeology undertake an intensive Phase II archeological testing at 18BA100. Fieldwork was conducted between October of 1981 and April 1982.

Project Objectives:

-Define site boundaries

-Assess site integrity

-Provide documentation for determination of National Register eligibility

Research Potential:

The Howard-McHenry Mill Site (18BA100), also known as the Old Court Road site, is the location of a 19th century mill and tenancy complex. Phase II excavations at Site 18BA100 revealed five apparent structures within the site area: a probable house with cellar hole and associated dairy in Area I, a possible domestic structure in Area II, what appears to be the mill in Areas III and IV (the mill would have been located in the depression), and a barn or stable in Area V. The historical significance of the site comes from its representation of the economic conditions of the tenant millers in residence there. Given the limited number of grist mill sites in Baltimore County that have been either identified or systematically studied, Site 18BA100 does represent a relatively scarce resource. No intensive occupation of the site occurred after ca. 1880 when it was abandoned preserving to some extent the integrity of the site. Post-occupational impact has occurred at the site, particularly to the edges of the site. The site's research potential has, however, been adequately addressed through Phase I and II testing. It was determined that additional work would not contribute to the current understanding of the site. Therefore, no further testing was recommended. Recent aerial photos indicate that the site has been developed.
